

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A memory module comprising:
  - a) read only memory (ROM memory) cells; and
  - b) a non-ROM to ROM interface operatively connected to the ROM memory cells.
2. The memory module of claim 1, wherein the non-ROM to ROM interface is an erasable programmable read only memory (EPROM) to ROM interface.
3. The memory module of claim 2, wherein the EPROM to ROM interface is a Flash to ROM interface.
4. The memory module of claim 3, wherein the Flash to ROM interface is a serial interface.
5. The memory module of claim 4, wherein the Flash to ROM interface has connections for a Flash clock transmission line, a Flash serial input transmission line, a Flash serial output transmission line, a Flash chip select transmission line, and a Flash reset transmission line, and wherein, during operation of the Flash serial input transmission line, the Flash serial input transmission line transmits a command selected from the group consisting of a status command, a read command, and a write command to the Flash to ROM interface.
6. The memory module of claim 5, wherein the Flash to ROM interface passes through the status and read commands to the ROM memory cells but only indicates a ready status without passing through the write command to the ROM memory cells.
7. A printer assembly comprising:
  - a) a printer-controller application specific integrated circuit (ASIC) having a non-ROM memory control;
  - b) a memory module including read-only-memory (ROM memory) cells and a non-ROM to ROM interface operatively connected to the ROM memory cells; and
  - c) a transmission cable operatively connected to the non-ROM memory control of the printer-controller ASIC and the non-ROM to ROM interface of the memory module.
8. The memory module of claim 7, wherein the non-ROM memory control of the printer-controller ASIC is an erasable programmable read only memory (EPROM

memory) control, and wherein the non-ROM to ROM interface is an EPROM to ROM interface.

9. The printer assembly of claim 8, wherein the EPROM memory control of the ASIC is a Flash memory control, and wherein the EPROM to ROM interface of the memory module is a Flash to ROM interface.

10. The printer assembly of claim 9, wherein the Flash memory control is a serial memory control, and wherein the Flash to ROM interface is a serial interface.

11. The printer assembly module of claim 10, wherein the transmission cable includes a Flash clock transmission line, a Flash serial input transmission line, a Flash serial output transmission , a Flash chip select transmission line, and a Flash reset transmission line, and wherein, during operation of the printer-controller ASIC, the

5 Flash memory control transmits through the Flash serial input transmission line a command selected from the group consisting of a status command, a read command, and a write command to the Flash to ROM interface.

12. The printer assembly of claim 11, wherein the Flash to ROM interface passes through the status and read commands to the ROM memory cells but only indicates a ready status without passing through the write command to the ROM memory cells.

13. A method for storing computer code for a printer-controller application specific integrated circuit (ASIC) having a non-ROM memory control comprising the steps of:

a) storing non-final versions of the computer code in a first memory module, wherein the first memory module has non-ROM memory cells and a non-ROM

5 interface, and wherein the non-ROM interface is operatively connected to the non-ROM memory control of the printer-controller ASIC and to the non-ROM memory cells of the first memory module; and

b) storing the final version of the computer code in a second memory module, wherein the second memory module has a non-ROM to ROM interface and ROM  
10 memory cells, wherein the non-ROM to ROM interface is operatively connected to the non-ROM memory control of the printer-controller ASIC and to the ROM memory cells of the second memory module, and wherein the second memory module physically replaces the first memory module.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the non-ROM memory control of the printer-controller ASIC is a EPROM memory control, wherein the first memory module has EPROM memory cells and an EPROM interface, and wherein the second memory module has an EPROM to ROM interface.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the EPROM memory control of the printer-controller ASIC is a Flash memory control, wherein the first memory module has Flash memory cells and a Flash interface, and wherein the second memory module has a Flash to ROM interface.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the Flash memory control of the printer-controller ASIC is a serial memory control, wherein the Flash interface of the first memory module is a serial interface, and wherein the Flash to ROM interface of the second memory module is a serial interface.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein the Flash to ROM interface has connections for a Flash clock transmission line, a Flash serial input transmission line, a Flash serial output transmission line, a Flash chip select transmission line, and a Flash reset transmission line, and wherein, during operation of the Flash serial input transmission line, the Flash serial input transmission line transmits a command selected from the group consisting of a status command, a read command, and a write command to the Flash to ROM interface.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the Flash to ROM interface passes through the status and read commands to the ROM memory cells but only indicates a ready status without passing through the write command to the ROM memory cells.